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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED CONTENTS OF REFTEL A AND POINTED
OUT US VIEWS TO APPROPRIATE CONTACTS AT THE MINISTRY OF
FINANCE WHO HAVE STATED THAT DISCOURAGING OF SICS IS A
SERIOUS SUBJECT REQUIRING STUDY IN DEPTH. DESPITE THE FACT
THAT THE CLEARING ACCOUNT SYSTEM HAS BEEN ABOLISHED AND A
FREE CURRENCY PAYMENTS SYSTEM HAS BEEN IN EFFECT BETWEEN

GREECE AND MOST EE COUNTRIES, THERE ARE STILL AGREEMENTS PROVIDING THAT TRADE TRANSACTIONS ON TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS BETWEEN GREECE AND EE COUNTRIES (MAINLY INCLUDING EE EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND GREEK TOBACCO, CITRUS FRUIT AND RAISINS) CONTINUE AS IN THE PAST. ACCORDINGLY, DISCOURAGEMENT OF SICS MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT GREECE'S INTERESTS. FOR THIS REASON, THE MERITS AND DRAWBACKS HAVE CAREFULLY TO BE CONSIDERED BEFORE GOG MAY REACH A DECISION.

2. MOREOVER, GREEK OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT THEY ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT CONCESSIONS IN BUSINESS FACILITATION AREA WOULD, IN TURN, BRING PRESSURE FOR DECENTRALIZATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORE FLEXIBLE, MARKET-ORIENTED POLICY IN BLOC COUNTRIES.

3. NOTE: REFAIR B REPORTS CURRENT GREEK-USSR TRADE AGREEMENT AND RELATED EXCHANGES OF LETTERS WHICH POINT OUT GREEK DESIRE (PARA TWO OF LAST LETTER ATTACHED TO REFAIR) TO CONTINUE SICS WITH USSR AT SAME LEVEL IN 1978 AND 1979 AS IN 1976.

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